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Johnson Announces Grant for Farmington Firefighters

Federal Funds to Aid Safety of Both Firefighters and the Community

FARMINGTON, CT – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today announced the Farmington Fire Department will receive a \$16,515 federal grant from the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

“Farmington’s firefighters are on the front lines protecting their community and saving lives,” Johnson said. “This grant will allow the department to better protect its firefighters as they work to protect us.”

The \$16,515 grant will allow Farmington to purchase an electronic firefighter accountability system.

“Tracking firefighters at an emergency scene is always a challenge,” said Mary-Ellen Harper, Farmington’s Director of Fire and Rescue Services. “This grant will make it easier for our incident commanders to make sure every firefighter is accounted for.”

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awards one-year grants directly to fire departments to support the nation’s firefighters and the services they deliver. For the 2004 program, Congress appropriated \$750 million in direct assistance to firefighters to improve the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention programs throughout the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security’s Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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